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TO: SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT & REFORM COMMITTEE

FROM: CHERYL SUBLER, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF POLICY

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 63 – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Hello, my name is Cheryl Subler, and I am the Managing Director of Policy for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. I am pleased to inform you that the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Board of Directors took a vote at the April 21, 2015 Board meeting to support implementation of online voter registration in Ohio and the provisions included in Senate Bill 63.

Our members felt that the time is right for Ohio to count themselves among the nearly 30 states that have either already implemented or passed online voter registration. This was reinforced by the ability of the proposed system to verify the applicant's information against the Bureau of Motor Vehicles database to ensure that the applicant is indeed a citizen.

Our members also were persuaded by the fact that registering online saves between fifty cents to \$2.34 per online submission, compared to traditional paper registration.

Finally, they also appreciate that the Secretary of State's Office will build and maintain the online voter registration system, and the information submitted will be sent to counties in the same manner as the current online change of address system.

Such assurances that the system will provide convenience to our citizens while being accurate, secure and not add to county election costs in any way went a great deal in making this an easy policy position for our members to support.

Thus, CCAO is pleased to urge the legislature to pass SB 63 authorizing online voter registration in Ohio. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.



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